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FOR: SB 195 SD1 Relating to Hawaii Teachers Standards Board  
DATE: Friday, March 17, 2017  
TIME: 2:00 P.M.  
COMMITTEE(S): House Committee on Education  
ROOM: Conference Room 309  
FROM: Sione Thompson, Executive Director  
State Public Charter School Commission

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Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Har, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission appreciates the opportunity to submit this **testimony in support of SB 195 SD1**, which would fund moneys for two Specialist II positions within the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

The HTSB serves a crucial role in public education in the State of Hawaii. They are responsible for teacher licensing, which includes renewing, revoking, suspending and reinstating licenses. They also monitor the professional fitness of teachers and support teacher quality. The moneys for the two Specialist II positions funded by this bill will help the board realize their vision to have a highly esteemed public education system with rigorous professional teacher standards that foster student success. The HTSB’s work, in turn, assists the Commission in its oversight of all public charter schools.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

PERSON TESTIFYING: Lynn Hammonds for HTSB

DATE: Friday, March 17, 2017

TIME: 2:00 pm

LOCATION: State Capitol Conference Room 309

TITLE OF BILL: SB195, SD1, RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

PURPOSE OF BILL: Appropriates moneys from the general fund for two specialist II positions within the Hawaii teacher standards board.

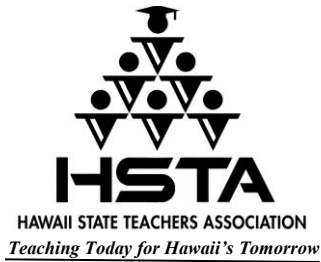
Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Har, and Members of the Committee on Education:

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) thanks the Senate Committee on Education for hearing SB195, SD1, and **strongly supports** this bill to general fund Hawaii Teacher Standards Board's two specialists. This bill, a companion to HB492, concerns positions that were originally created under the general fund, and are currently established, permanent, filled positions. The two individuals in these positions support the day to day licensing functions of the HTSB, working directly with over 12,000 teacher applicants and licensees in all Hawaii public schools. Their main function is managing the workflow for teacher licensing, but they also lend support to preservice preparation, US Department of Education Title 2 reporting, and the review of licensing standards and licensure testing. HTSB has a strong team that is able to meet these needs, and we hope to be able to continue to offer capable, efficient support to teachers through the work of these two specialists.

HTSB's special fund is based solely on teacher licensing fees, and HTSB assumed payment of these two specialist positions and the supporting clerical positions in FY2012. Over the past four fiscal years, since fully transitioning all personnel and operating expenses from the general to the HTSB special fund, the increase in salary and benefits for personnel costs have exceeded HTSB's special fund revenue from the teacher licensing fees of \$48 per licensee. In order to offset this trend, HTSB has reduced its staff from thirteen full time employees to a current count of five full time and two half time

individuals, reduced office space by half, as well as other cost cutting measures. We feel that this is the minimum staff possible to effectively support all functions of the HTSB.

We humbly thank you again for hearing this bill, and ask for the House Education Committee's continued support for our work, to help ensure that Hawaii teachers have the appropriate training, knowledge, skills and dispositions to teach our children.



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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION

RE: SB 195, SD1 - RELATING TO THE HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS  
BOARD

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT  
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Woodson and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports SB 195, SD1**, relating to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board.

In 1995, the State Legislature created the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) to set licensing standards for Hawai'i public school teachers. In 2002, the Legislature transferred responsibility for teacher licensing and State Approval of Teacher Education to HTSB. According to its mission statement, the board “envisions a highly esteemed public education system with rigorous professional teacher standards that foster student success” and aims to “collaboratively set high teacher licensing and credentialing standards” that:

- provide every child with qualified teachers;
- promote professionalism and teaching excellence;
- build public confidence in the teaching profession; and
- provide more accountability to the public.

Yet, HTSB has faced staffing cuts in recent years that have hampered its efforts. In 2012, HTSB relinquished all general funds, leaving personnel specialist II and educational specialist II positions to be funded through special fund appropriations. Since that time, the board has been forced to further reduce staff and office space, adversely impacting its ability to advance teacher quality.

To assist HTSB in overseeing teacher standards, the Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committee to **support** this bill.

## EDNtestimony

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### **SB195**

Submitted on: 3/15/2017

Testimony for EDN on Mar 17, 2017 14:00PM in Conference Room 309

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Makalapua Alencastre	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support SB195 for general funding of HTSB specialists. mahalo

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Beth Pateman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB195, which appropriates moneys from the general fund for two specialist II positions within the Hawaii teacher standards board.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY: Lisa DeLong, 316 Ilimalia Loop, Kailua, Hawaii 96734

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PURPOSE OF BILL: Appropriates moneys from the general fund for two specialist II positions within the Hawaii teacher standards board.

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LOCATION: State Capitol Conference Room 309

Dear Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Har, and Members of the Committee on Education:

I am writing to thank the Senate Committee on Education for hearing SB195, SD1, and to let you know that I **strongly support** this bill to fund Hawaii Teacher Standards Board's two specialists.

As a Hawaii Teacher Standards Board member, I am aware that this bill, a companion to HB492, funds positions originally created under the general fund. These positions are currently established, permanent, and filled.

The two individuals in these positions support the day-to-day licensing functions of the HTSB, working directly with over 12,000 teacher applicants and licensees in all Hawaii public schools. These individuals manage the workflow for teacher licensing, support pre-service preparation, US Department of Education Title II reporting, and assist with the review of licensing standards and licensure testing.

HTSB has already taken numerous cost-cutting measures and the organization believes two staff members is the minimum possible to effectively support all functions of the HTSB.

Thank you again for hearing this bill. Please continue to support this work that ensures that Hawaii students are taught by highly qualified and effective teachers.



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Felicia Villalobos	Individual	Support	No

#### Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jessica Miranda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am submitting my support for SB195. The HTSB provides valuable services for teacher licensing and supporting preservice teacher preparation programs. The two positions related to SB195 are crucial positions for HTSB to be able to maintain their support related to teacher licensing within the state.

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